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REPLY TO NOTIFICATION OF NON-COMPLIANT APPEAL BRIEF

Dear Sir:

The Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief indicated that the Appeal Brief sent January 3, 2007 is defective for failure to comply with 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(1)(v). Specifically, the Notification indicated that the Appeal Brief fails to provide reference to the specification and drawings for the dependent claims.

In a telephonic interview between the undersigned and the Examiner on April 12, 2007, this issue was discussed. The undersigned indicated that 37 C.F.R. § 41.37(c)(1)(v) only requires specific reference to the specification and drawings for dependent claims if such dependent claims recite means plus function or step plus function elements pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 6. Since the present dependent claims do not recite means plus function or step plus function elements, the undersigned noted that the specific reference to the specification and drawings is not required for the dependent claims in the Summary of Claimed Subject Matter section of the Appeal Brief.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent Office (Fax No. (571) 273-8300), on the date indicated above.


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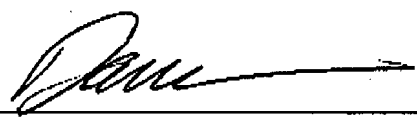
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Agreement was reached in the telephonic interview that the Appeal Brief filed January 3, 2007 was proper, and that therefore, an amended Appeal Brief is not required.

Respectfully submitted,

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